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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-3, 5, 7-9 and 12 have been amended, and new claims 13-19 have been added.

All of the claims were rejected, either singly or in combination over Dushku, U.S. Patent No. 3,945,065. The independent claims of this application now include the limitation of a gripping portion lying in a plane, which is generally transverse to the plane of the work-performing component, or blade. Such a consideration clearly distinguishes over Dushku, since the gripping portion (14) lies in the same plane as the work-performing component (i.e., head (10)).

Accordingly, Applicant believes all claims are in condition for allowance. To expedite prosecution, the undersigned may be contacted by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

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